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MR. SIEVIER WEEPS IN COURT—END OF THE SENSATIONAL CASE.



Yesterday saw the end of the now famous Sievier action for slander. As Mr. Sievier's counsel made his speech the great racing man was seen to be in tears, but later, when the jury returned a verdict for the defendant, Sir James Duke, Mr. Sievier was the most unconcerned man in court. This picture, sketched in court yesterday by a "Mirror" artist, shows the scene at the moment when the Associate of the Court asked the jury for their verdict. A is Mr. Sievier. B is Sir James Duke. C is the Judge, Mr. Justice Grantham. Reading from left to right of the small sketches above, first is Mr. Sievier, in tears; next, Sir James Duke; Mr. Justice Grantham; and Major Sellar, whose evidence was of such importance at the beginning of the case.

VERDICT FOLLOWS MR. JUSTICE GRANTHAM'S
SCATHING COMMENTS.

The Sievier case is over. It ended at 4.30 yesterday afternoon, in a verdict for the defendant, Sir James Duke—in what the Judge called in his summing up a clean verdict for the defendant.

The final scene was almost as impressive as any of the great final scenes that the Law Courts have known. It had a certain impressiveness of its own, an impressiveness, in fact, that the ends of other even greater cases have not possessed.

For all through the hearing of the trial there has been a certain amount of levity among the very fashionable audience that has invaded the Court. The contrast between this levity and the tense earnest expectancy into which the said levity sud-

denly merged when the jury, after an absence of a quarter of an hour, returned to give their all-important decision, was a study in impressiveness with which a law court is unfamiliar.

The bell rang, announcing that the jury were about to return, and then the half-spoken jest was broken off in the mouth of sportsman or smart-set woman who had begun it—smiles disappeared from pretty faces, and the murmur of subdued laughter ceased. The Court became perfectly still, and a brief, dropped at the back of the court, emphasised the stillness.

As the jury came in the only face that did not look eager or anxious was that of Mr. Robert Sievier. Mr. Sievier looked at the jury curiously, as if they were a string of racehorses on which he

had been asked to pass an opinion. The smile that he wore all the time he was giving evidence was still lurking round his mouth. He was the first man to stand up, when the Judge, who had retired from the Court, returned to his seat.

For whom do you find? asked the Associate.

Then the foreman made the brief pronouncement, "We find a verdict for the defendant."

The curious look on Mr. Sievier's face at once changed to one of unconcern.

The Judge then explained to the jury that it might be necessary in order to make the verdict technically correct to change it subsequently to one for the plaintiff for one farthing damages.

Would the jury agree to this?

The necessary assent was given and then judgment was entered for the defendant.

But collected and nonchalant as Mr. Sievier was during the first scene, at an earlier point in the afternoon he had been in tears. The man whose nerve was equal to facing without a tremor the loss of hundreds of pounds on the turn-up of a

single card broke down at three sentences of his counsel's speech.

At the conclusion of the defendant's case the jury had whispered together, and then announced that they would like to consult together in private.

Hereupon Mr. Banks had jumped up and insisted on his right to address them.

He reviewed the facts that had been given in evidence and the suggestions and deductions that had been based on this evidence with great eloquence and skill, making the keynote of his argument:—"Just because Mr. Sievier has been a man whose life necessarily mixes him up with incidents, why, for that reason, should he be deprived of justice at your hands?"

Then, in a peroration that almost partook of the nature of an appeal "ad misericordiam," he asked that Mr. Sievier should not be branded with the charges that had been made against him, and that his social future should not be extinguished. To the amazement of all in court, and most of

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BIRTHS.

CULSHAW.—On May 8, at the Rectory, Iwer Heath, Bucks, the wife of the Rev. Geo. H. Culshaw, of a boy.
SCHREIBER.—On Saturday, May 7, at 18, Arlington-street, the wife of Captain C. Schreiber-Schreiber, of a boy.
FITCHEN.—On May 8, at South Coast Junction, Natal, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Aloysius Stocken (nee Nellie Henning).
WILLIS.—On May 6, at Sunningdale, Littleport, Cambridge-shire, the wife of E. Ernest Willis, L.R.C.S.E., L.R.C.P.E., L.P.S.G., and L.M., of a boy.

MARRIAGES.

ACKROYD-STEWART.—On May 10, at St. Luke's, Southport, by the Rev. J. P. Baynes, uncle of the bride, assisted by the vicar, the Rev. C. Richardson, Edward Ackroyd, of Morley-road, Southport, barrister-at-law, to Ellen Johanna, daughter of William John Stewart, Superintendent of the Liverpool Police.
WELLS-HEATHCOTE.—On the 6th inst., by licence, at Christ Church, Southwark, Birmingham, James Alexander Walker, Mather, only son of William Wells, Esq., of Bristol, to May, only daughter of Chas. H. Heathcote, Esq., Buxton.

DEATHS.

BETHUNE.—Killed in action, at Karo, Tibet, Hector Bethune, Captain 52nd Rifles, youngest son of the late Alexander Mackenzie Bethune, aged 24.
KING.—On Sunday night, May 8, of pneumonia, at St. James's Court, London, James Gordon King, 4th and 4th-son of George King, only son of the late Colonel James King and Mrs. Mary King, of Perth, Aberdeenshire, aged 32.
PORTAL.—On May 10, at 60, Richmond, 4, Bedford-gardens, S.W., Helen Mary Charlotte, widow of the late Rev. George Raymond Portal.
FENWICK.—On May 10, at 10, St. James's, S.W., Sarah, widow of the late Raymond Stewart, aged 78 years.

PERSONAL.

CRIMMON.—Silence always. Love unchanging through all changes.
PAY.—Cheese Head news received; up to date, no horrors; well—HAB—OLD.
VINE.—Music arranged; preparing to face. What are you going to—MUSIC?
WILL.—Mr. John William Gordon, late of Mullingar, Ireland, kindly communicate with X—?
DEVIN.—Have just returned. Oblige early arrangement. Wine, name additional, to Buckingham Gate, a signal; but by constant, medals and personal papers in name of Dr. Geringer; as profile to anyone but owner—Any more returning the same to the carrier will receive above reward.
GENTLEMAN missing since April 30 from Birmingham; aged 27, brown hair, blue eyes, 5 ft. 10 in., dark, dressed in blue serge suit, linen all marked E. L. Coleman. Any information respecting him will be much esteemed by his sister, Miss Helen Coleman, The Redlands, Edingdon.
ANNUAL REGISTER.—Wanted volumes of the "Annual Register," 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 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RUSSIAN COUP.

Port Arthur Cruisers Evade
Togo's Vigilance.

THREE TRANSPORTS SUNK.

Land Fighting—Reported Repulse
of Japanese Troops.

RUSSIAN GENERAL KILLED.

Admiral Gregorovitch has telegraphed to St. Petersburg that the Russian cruisers Askold, Novik, and Bagan, accompanied by torpedo boats, left Port Arthur on Monday in the direction of Pitsewo, and sank three Japanese transports, returning safely to the harbour.

In Paris a telegram has been received stating that the Japanese forces have been defeated near Port Adams, on the west side of the Liao-tung Peninsula.

Near Motienling (twenty to thirty miles south of Liao-yang), a great battle took place, resulting in a Russian reverse, in which General Sassulitch is said to have been killed.

Explosions have been heard at Port Arthur, and it is believed that the Russians have destroyed their fleet.

CONFLICTING RUMOURS.

Sensational Reports of the Doings
of Both Combatants.

Extraordinary news comes of the doings of the remnant of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, which was supposed to have been destroyed, or, at least, bottled up inside the harbour at Port Arthur. Despite the supposed vigilance of Admiral Togo outside, three Russian cruisers are said to have left the port on Monday and, steaming in the direction of Pitsewo, where the recent Japanese landings took place, sunk three Japanese transports. The Russian cruisers then returned safely to the harbour.

The source of the news is Russian, and confirmation should be awaited before it is accepted as true. If the news of the Japanese reverse near Port Arthur is true it may well be that the Russians have again got possession of the railway, which will account for Admiral Alexieff's announcement that railway communication with Port Arthur has been restored.

There is no confirmation of the Russian disaster near Motienling, but from the disposition of the Japanese forces it is quite likely that fighting has taken place.

General Kuroki is rapidly advancing from Feng-wang-cheng towards Liao-yang; another army is moving north from the direction of Newchwang; a third is pressing forward from Takushan (in the bay of Korea); while a fourth is marching to the right of General Kuroki, moving among the hills to turn the Russian right.

With four formidable forces thus advancing on Liao-yang, if General Kuropatkin elects to fight there is every prospect of an early and decisive battle.

Admiral Togo reports that explosions have been heard at Port Arthur, and as it is stated in St. Petersburg that in no case will the Russian men-of-war at Port Arthur be allowed to fall into the hands of the enemy, it is believed that the Russians have destroyed the fleet.

In view, however, of the reported sortie of the Russian cruisers on Monday, opinions on this subject may have to be modified.

RUSSIAN SURPRISE.

Three Japanese Transports Sunk by
Port Arthur Ships.

The following remarkable message was received last night:—

PARIS, Wednesday.

A message received from St. Petersburg says Admiral Gregorovitch has telegraphed that the cruisers Askold, Novik, and Bagan, accompanied by torpedo-boats, left Port Arthur on Monday morning in the direction of Pitsewo, and sank three Japanese transports north of Yentao Bay, returning to the harbour safely.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Pitsewo, which is the place where Japanese troops were landed on the 5th inst., is situated on the east side of the Liaotung Peninsula, about ninety miles from Port Arthur. Yentao Bay is on the same coast, about twenty miles south of Pitsewo.

REPORTED JAPANESE REVERSE.

PARIS, Wednesday.

It is announced in St. Petersburg that the Japanese have been repulsed 20 kilometres east of Port Adams, while attempting to cut the railway, by a force of 6,000 Russians under General Zykoff, assisted by troops under General Stoessels.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

The news, which has caused great enthusiasm in St. Petersburg, is not yet confirmed, and the Russian Press is sceptical about it.

KUROPATKIN'S COMPLAINT.

PARIS, Wednesday.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the "Journal" says "General Kuropatkin has sent a long telegram to the Tsar in which he protests against the attitude of Admiral Alexieff, who wishes to impose

upon him his own plan of operations, which is diametrically opposed to that of the General. The latter declares that, under these conditions, it is impossible to assume responsibility unless he is granted full powers."—Reuter.

OMINOUS EXPLOSIONS.

Russians Believed to Have Destroyed
Their Fleet.

TOKIO, Tuesday.

Admiral Togo reports that since the 6th inst. many explosions have been heard from Port Arthur.

Their cause has not been ascertained, but the impression here is that the Russians, despairing of the defence of the fortress, are destroying their ships previous to evacuating it.—Reuter.

CHIEF, Tuesday, 5 p.m.

An unofficial dispatch mentions a report that the Russians have destroyed their fleet at Port Arthur.—Reuter.

In this connection it is important to read the following Reuter message from St. Petersburg:—
"It is emphatically declared that in no case will the Russian men-of-war at Port Arthur be allowed to fall into the hands of the enemy."

PORT ARTHUR DEFENDERS.

It is announced from St. Petersburg, says Reuter, that Port Arthur garrison comprises 20,000 soldiers and 10,000 sailors.

RUSSIAN DISASTER.

General Sassulitch Reported Killed.

PARIS, Wednesday.

Telegrams have been received in St. Petersburg announcing a great battle near Motienling (twenty to thirty miles south of Liao-yang), resulting in a Russian disaster.

The Russian losses are reported to have been heavy. General Sassulitch is stated to be among the killed.—Exchange Telegraph Co.

WILL THE RUSSIANS RETIRE?

ROME, Wednesday.

An official telegram received here from Chifu states that, owing to the simultaneous advance of the Japanese from Feng-wang-cheng and Newchwang, the Russians consider the position at Liao-yang to be untenable, and are already preparing to fall back upon Mukden.—Exchange Telegraph Co.

COSSACKS IN KOREA.

Japanese Repulse an Attack on
Anju.

From Seoul a Reuter message has been received, dated Tuesday, stating that a Russian force, about 200 strong, was attacking Anju, but the small Japanese garrison was stubbornly defending the town.

A message from Tokio yesterday stated that the Cossack attack was repulsed.

Anju is about twenty-five miles from the north-east corner of Korea Bay. The affair is of little importance.

MANY M.P.'S AS DEFENDANTS.

It was decided yesterday by the High Court at Dublin that, as the action brought by Lord Dreyfus against the United Irish League and the "Freeman's Journal" included one-eighth of the Parliamentary representatives of Ireland as defendants, it was reasonable they should be considered in fixing the date of hearing.

So that members should not be deterred from attending to their duties the action is to be tried in the autumn. It is expected to last some weeks.

DOCTORING THE AMER.

SIMLA, Wednesday.

Major Bird, the Viceroy's surgeon, has attended the Amerer, who was wounded in the left hand by the bursting of his gun while out on a shooting expedition.

Major Bird opened an abscess in the palm of the Amerer's hand, thereby affording him great relief, and enabling him to enjoy a good night's sleep, which before had been denied him.

There was much need of proper treatment, and the Amerer has expressed the greatest gratification at the services rendered to him by the Viceroy's surgeon, who was sent to Kabul on his own urgent request for surgical aid.—Reuter.

CHANNEL TUNNEL PROPOSAL REVIVED.

PARIS, Wednesday.

According to the "Gil Blas," it is stated that, as a consequence of the Anglo-French Agreement, negotiations have recently begun with a view to the realisation of the idea of a Channel tunnel, and the consideration of the different plans has been resumed.—Reuter.

RIOT FOLLOWS LOUL CHEERS.

SEVILLE, Wednesday.

A collision took place here between Royalist and Republican students in consequence of the former having cheered the King. A panic arose, and shops were closed.

One person was injured in the crowd. One arrest was made. The King returned here at ten o'clock this evening.—Reuter.

It has been decided to float another Japanese loan of £10,000,000.

The Russian battleship Orel, which recently ran aground in the Neva, has been floated.

At St. Petersburg yesterday the Tsar reviewed 50,000 troops. As the various regiments marched past the men shouted: "Good health to your Majesty."

Replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Balfour said that the British Consul at Newchwang had not requested the dispatch of a gunboat to that port.

LICENSING BILL.

Second Reading Carried by a
Majority of 157.

By a majority of 157 the Government's Licensing Bill was read a second time in the House of Commons yesterday.

The actual figures of the division were:—

For the Bill	353
Against	196

Majority for 157

The features of the third day of the debate were the speeches by Mr. Asquith and Mr. Balfour.

The former, observing that the Bill avowedly sought to promote temperance and to safeguard the trade, said that the second object was completely achieved, but would the Bill facilitate the reduction of licenses?

PLEDGES REDEEMED.

The Bill, he declared, was the redemption of a pledge given by the Prime Minister a year ago to a panic-stricken deputation who came asking to be protected against the predatory action of the licensing justices, and they implied that if their appeal was not successful consequences of an unsatisfactory character would ensue to the Government.

This Bill was the answer. They would never get the administrative function performed as it ought to be till the composition of the licensing body was popularised, so as to make it more familiar with the needs of the community.

The second step should be to abolish the court of Quarter Sessions. What had the court of Quarter Sessions got to do with it? It was wholly objectionable.

Lastly, what ought to be done to bring the present system into harmony with the interests of the community was that the House should provide a standard of gradual and compulsory reduction, which should be applicable all over the country.

But the Government went in exactly the opposite direction to these reforms.

He denied that there was such a thing as a legal right to compensation, and he discussed it entirely and exclusively as a matter of expediency.

MR. BALFOUR REJOINS.

The Premier said he thought that some of Mr. Asquith's remarks presented reasons for approval of the Government scheme, and that at times his heart was not in his speech. As to the alleged origin of the Bill, he had just read his speech in reply to a wide deputation, and, to his mind, it was an excellent speech.

Laughter and cheers from the Government benches greeted this rejoinder.

He was quite unable to follow the right hon. gentleman in the series of criticisms that he had passed on the measure. A compensation fund would never be got unless there was a considerable area to draw it from, and it must be administered by a body that represented the whole of the area from which it was drawn. What, then, was the use of talking of giving Brewster Sessions the whole control of the licensing and abolishing Quarter Sessions?

When the law extinguished that which it admitted was a property without compensation gross injustice was done, and his broad statement applied much more to the House and the country than any refinement.

THE TIME LIMIT QUESTION.

As to the time limit, about which several questions had been asked as to the view the Government took, the Colonial Secretary was quite right in saying that a time limit was not very congruous to the plan of the Bill. It did not fit in naturally or easily with it. It was essentially not a second reading, but a Committee question, and that it was in Committee only that the House could come to a final decision upon it.

Sir John Gorst (who had spoken earlier in the debate) seemed to think they were conferring a freehold title by this Bill on the holders of existing licenses. He thought Sir J. Gorst was quite wrong there. It was not so. The publican was to be compensated, and as his right was less in value than a freehold he would receive less compensation.

He did not believe that temperance would gain by a time-limit clause, nor did he think any trade was best carried on under an uncertain tenure.

Mr. H. Roberts followed, amid much interruption, and he was speaking at 7.25 when Mr. Balfour moved the closure, upon which the House divided.

"CHERCHEZ LA FEMME."

Mr. Percy Thorne, of Surbiton, a member of the Stock Exchange, was summoned at the Mansion House yesterday for assaulting Mr. Clerly, another member.

Mr. C. Matthews, who appeared for complainant, said that on the afternoon of the 27th ult. as the parties left the Stock Exchange, defendant hit plaintiff in the face, making his nose bleed. There was some threat of the repetition of the offence, and it was to prevent this that complainant had recourse to the law.

Mr. Lewis, who defended, said it was a case of "Cherchez la femme." The quarrel was about a lady, and the subject of the assault would no doubt be a matter for another court.

Defendant was bound over in a sum of £50 to keep the peace.

INVALID KING AND QUEEN.

THE HAGUE, Wednesday.

Queen Wilhelmina, with her head bandaged, and the Prince Consort, both showing traces of their recent illnesses, left to-day for the Castle of Loo, having been ordered a change of air by their medical attendant.—Reuter.

FRANCE, SPAIN, AND MOROCCO.

PARIS, Wednesday.

The "Figaro" says it has reason to believe that as the result of conversations which M. Delcassé has had recently with the Spanish Ambassador, an agreement between France and Spain has been arrived at in regard to at least one part of the Morocco question.—Reuter.

The Berlin bakers' assistants have decided by 2,863 votes to 104 to go on strike.

KARO PASS BATTLE.

How the Situation was Saved
by Gurkhas.

MORE TROUBLE.

Reuter's special correspondent at Gyantse, Tibet, gives further interesting details of the fight at Karo Pass.

Fully three thousand men were behind the wall, from which they were eventually driven. They fled in a thick mass, and the mounted infantry pursued them for two miles, riding on their flanks and shooting from the saddle.

The total Tibetan casualties were hardly less than three or four hundred killed, possibly more.

At one period of the action the situation was somewhat critical. The British advance on both flanks had been checked. Captain Beddome and his immediate followers, who had gallantly rushed up to the main wall, had been killed. The Maxims and small mountain guns could do nothing to subdue the fire either from the main wall or from the sangars which flanked the wall.

CLIMBED UP A PRECIPICE.

The tension was at last relieved by Major Row and his Gurkhas, who climbed up the face of what was almost a sheer precipice. Once at the top they were able to command the left sangar, which contained about forty riflemen. These were so busy firing on the troops below that they did not notice the Gurkhas above them till six or seven had been killed.

The remainder then bolted. They looked like weary giants crossing the slope, and offered an easy target. Their flight was checked by the precipice, and some threw themselves over and were dashed to pieces.

When the sangars had been evacuated, the main Tibetan army holding the wall fled.

FURTHER TROUBLE.

The Shigatse army, which attacked the mission last Thursday, has taken possession of a ruined fort, which is being rebuilt. They can be easily seen with the naked eye as busy as bees. The fort is about thirteen hundred yards from the British camp. The enemy apparently have a big jingal, which carries the distance. They fired about sixty shots with it, and killed one camp follower.

On Monday evening the British turned a maxim on all who exposed themselves, thus seriously interfering with their building operations.

In the attack which was made on the mission last Thursday 800 Tibetans made a desperate effort to rush the British position, and some even reached the loopholes, but our men dashed to their posts, and in two hours they had entirely beaten off the attack.

The British buried 140 bodies after the fight. Hundreds of the enemy must have got away wounded.

The British casualties at Gyantse since Thursday have been only five, including two killed.

There is some suspicion, say a "Times" correspondent, of collusion between the Tibetans and Chinese. It is noteworthy that as time goes on superior arms and ammunition manufactured at Lhasa are used by the enemy. This is a fact which should be taken into consideration at home, as every week's delay increases the war material of the Tibetans. The manufacture is rough but effective, and the range about 1,000 yards.

SIR H. M. STANLEY.

Suggestion of an Abbey Grave Near
Livingstone.

A statement has been made that the late Sir H. M. Stanley had expressed a wish to be buried at Ilfric, where he has a residence. Lady Stanley, however, wishes it to be known that Sir Henry always wished to find a resting-place near Dr. Livingstone in Westminster Abbey.

Dr. Livingstone's family and many influential friends of the dead explorer hope that some arrangement of this kind can be made, and are actively interesting themselves in the matter.

Sir Henry's Antecedents.

Everyone knows that Sir H. M. Stanley changed his name when he was a young man, and it is generally supposed that his real name was John Rowlands, his father being a peasant in North Wales. But there is good ground for believing him to have been born in South Wales, and to have been christened Howell Jones.

Some years ago a book was written to prove that he was the son of Joshua Jones, a printer and bookbinder, born in 1840. The writer informed Mr. Stanley that Joshua Jones had asked him to write such a book, and Mr. Stanley, far from repudiating the suggestion that his real name was Jones, said, "You are at liberty, so far as I am concerned, to do whatever you think your duty prompts you to."

The explorer himself never gave any exact account of his parentage. What is certain is that Joshua Jones received numbers of letters from his son signed "Howell Jones; otherwise Stanley," and that he was convinced that H. M. Stanley and his son were the same person.

BRUSSELS, Wednesday.

King Leopold, on hearing of the death of Sir Henry Stanley, sent a telegram expressing the keenest sympathy to Lady Stanley. Both the King and the Congo State will be represented at the funeral.—Reuter.

HOPE OF AN HEIR FOR ITALY.

ROME, Wednesday.

In the Chamber to-day the Speaker officially announced that the accouchement of the Queen is expected to take place in September. The communication was received with rejoicing.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

MOB BURNS POLICE STATION.

SHANGHAI, Wednesday.

A riot occurred at the port of Chin-king to-day. The mob burned the quarters of the new police force. Several persons were killed or wounded.—Reuter.

MUCH NEWS IN FEW WORDS.

The late Mr. Justice Byrne's estate has been sworn at £17,128.

George Slater, a boy of fifteen, has hanged himself from a beam in his employer's shop at West Hartlepool.

An old Primitive Methodist chapel in Dover has been acquired by a brewer firm, who are converting it into a store for beer.

"Admiral Togo" and "General Kuroki" are the names of two new varieties of pansies now being offered for sale by an up-to-date Hackney florist.

Miss Pankhurst, the Manchester girl who wants to be a barrister, will take part in the ladies' night debate of the Hardwicke Society, in the Middle Temple Hall, to-night.

At the next meeting of the Metropolitan Water Board the Works Committee will recommend the appointment of a chief engineer to control the whole of the works belonging to the Board at a salary of £2,500 per annum.

FINED £68 FOR STREET BETTING.

At Highgate yesterday James Taylor, of Hornsey, was fined £12 2s. Charles Cornick, of Hornsey, £23 9s. and Charles Martin, of Wood Green, £22 5s. for street betting.

STEALING TO MARRY.

William Bransby, a South London baker's assistant, was engaged to be married. In his anxiety to hasten the happy day he stole money from his master and banked it for the purpose of providing a home, and consequently was at Southwark yesterday ordered three months' imprisonment.

TO HELP THE LIFEBOATMEN.

Machanie Melba, Saint-Saëns, Plancon, and other great artists will appear at the London Lifeboat Saturday Fund concert, which will take place at Queen's Hall on Wednesday evening, June 8, under the patronage of the King and Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales.

KILLED BY THE ELECTRIC RAIL.

The first fatality on the newly-electrified North Eastern Railway line took place near Newcastle yesterday. A boy of three and a half years, named Frederick Irving, was found lying on the track, apparently having stepped on the rail and so completed the circuit. He was badly burned, and was quite dead when picked up.

STAMPED PASSES ON THEIR HANDS

The system of stamping the palms of the hands with a rubber stamp has just been introduced into meetings held in North Wales. The stamp is branded on the palms of the hands of those who leave the meeting with the intention of returning, this doing away with the "pass out" check system.

STAMPS FOR A PENNY-IN-THE-SLOT.

Two Cheshire gentlemen have patented a penny-in-the-slot machine by which the purchaser will be enabled to obtain stamps.

The machine is so constructed that it can be fitted into a wall or pillar-box, for it is of small compass. The purchaser, after placing the penny in the slot, presses a knob and the machine does the rest. It is said to be under the consideration of the Postmaster-General.

BURGLARS LIKED THE MOTOR TRIALS.

While all the Douglas police were drafted out of town for the purpose of keeping the course for cars engaged in the Gordon-Bennett motor trials the opportunity was seized by burglars, who broke into several unguarded houses.

A retired hotel keeper was robbed of cash and much jewellery and plate, a spirit dealer lost £200 worth of plate and jewellery, and a banker has been plundered of £11 and some valuable articles.

WOES OF ENGLISH WAITERS.

London's waiters are up in arms against the invasion of foreigners, who are ousting them from good positions by an undesirable system of longer hours and shorter wages.

As a mark of protest a mass meeting is to be held this evening at the Westminster Town Hall, when the chair is to be taken by the Right Hon. Claude Hays.

It is said that foreign waiters will work for any length of time for a little money, and thus worm themselves into the best positions, and that out of the three hundred waiters engaged at the last Lord Mayor's banquet, barely twenty were English.

LADY'S CRITICISM OF "CHAMBERLAINISM."

In a letter, in which she says the present political situation makes it advisable for her to resign her position as Dame President of the Randolph Churchill Habitation of the Primrose League, Mrs. George Cornwallis West (the mother of Mr. Winston Churchill) shows that in politics she approves of her son's action.

The lady writes:— "Although I cannot take any part in its active efforts at the next election, I shall look forward to the day when the prevailing phase of Chamberlainism will have passed away, and when the Primrose League will once again remember that its motto is 'Liberty' as well as 'Empire'."

ELECTRIC RAILWAY SIGNALS.

We understand from an official source that the Great Western Railway Company have now completed arrangements for the equipment of a section of their main line at Didcot with electrically-controlled signals.

The motive power will be obtained from accumulators, which will be attached to each signal-post and charged direct from an adjoining power-station. The installation, which will be the first of the kind on the Great Western Railway, is to be inaugurated during the coming summer.

A building in Old Jewry, City, occupied by ten firms of accountants and solicitors, was partially destroyed by fire yesterday.

Estate of the late value of £950,189 has been left by the late Earl of Strathmore, of Strathmair Castle, Darlington, who died in Italy.

While riding in Canonbury-road, N., yesterday, a cyclist named Beattie was so savagely attacked by a dog that he had to be taken to hospital.

Two elderly sisters lived for years in a Mile End house on a combined weekly income of 9s. 6d., of which 3s. went in rent, said a witness at a St. Pancras inquest yesterday.

"When legislators give a tramway company the right of the road for the public good drivers of smaller vehicles must use greater care," said Judge Woodfall at Westminster County Court yesterday.

CUT OFF HORSES' TAILS.

Maiming a couple of horses and cutting off their manes and tails was the offence of which a Northampton boy, Thomas Woodman, was found guilty at Kingston yesterday. He sold the hair from the manes and tails for fiverpence.

The Brixton Prison doctor certifying that he was of unsound mind, the lad was sent to Kingston Workhouse.

"PAUPERS WANTED AT SETTLE."

At a meeting of the Settle Board of Guardians a member called attention to the large portion of the workhouse buildings that remained unused. Whereupon another member humorously advocated advertisements at the principal railway stations—"Paupers wanted at Settle."

WHAT OFFERS?

It is not often that a business worth a million pounds is offered for sale in a four-line advertisement, but the following appearing in the advertiser's column of a London daily paper is—

CELEBRATED WORLD-FAVORABLE INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS FOR SALE. Annual net profits £100,000. Price £1,000,000. No prospectors or agents. Address—

FATAL COLLISION IN THE CHANNEL.

The skipper and mate of the British trawler Devonian were landed at Penzance yesterday morning, and reported that their craft had been sunk off Padstow on the previous night after collision with the steamship Holmside.

Two of the crew were drowned.

PREACHER SENT TO PRISON.

Mr. Hall, a local Wesleyan preacher in the Northwich division, was summoned at Northwich for non-payment of balance of rates.

The order was made, and defendant said the Bench would find that the order was not all lawful. He had placed his affairs beyond the magistrates' control, and he intended to take the fourteen days' imprisonment in default of distress.

HANGED HIMSELF WITH THREAD.

At an inquest held on the body of Albert Myson in Wormwood Scrubs Prison yesterday it was shown that the dead man, who was a prisoner there, and had been employed mending some clothes, had managed to keep back a skein of thread with which he hanged himself from a nail in his cell.

The jury returned a verdict of suicide, there being no evidence to show the state of mind of the man at the time he killed himself.

ROYAL MAILS DO NOT PAY.

At a meeting of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company yesterday afternoon, the chair man said that at one time they had received £240,000 per annum for carrying the mails. Now they only received about a third of that sum, which, with the freight and passage money earned, was not sufficient to pay the expenses of the mail services, and left absolutely nothing for interest on the proprietors' capital employed.

When the present contract expired he hoped the various Governments would not forget the services rendered by the company for sixty-five years.

SOCIETY LADIES IN LIVING PICTURES

One of the loveliest sights to be seen this season will be the living pictures of beautiful women which will be shown at the Imperial Theatre on June 6, in aid of the East End Settlement.

Lady Henry Somerset is arranging two pictures in which many pretty children will take part. The Countess of Lytton has a tableau, and another has Lady Henry Bentinck as organiser. All the prettiest women in town are assisting in one capacity or another, and one of the most striking effects will be arranged by Mrs. Adair, in which the tallest and handsomest girls in London society—among them Miss Miss Horner, Lady Juliet Duff, Miss Violet Vivian (Miss of Honour to the Queen), and others—will take part.

OCEAN BOAT VISITS DOVER.

The first ocean passenger special express train was run yesterday from Dover to London, with passengers from the Hamburg-American liner Princess Victoria Louise.

This vessel was on her way to Hamburg, and landed seventy-five first-class passengers at Dover, quite half of whom were from the Dutch East African lines Kurfurst, recently wrecked on the Portuguese coast. After they were rescued the passengers were transferred to the Princess Victoria Louise at Lisbon.

The presence of these rescued voyagers amongst the passengers landed created more than usual interest, owing to the arrangements not being quite complete on the Prince of Wales's Pier for its use by passenger liners. By July 1 facilities at the Prince of Wales's Pier for the landing of trans-Atlantic passengers will be complete.

Mrs. Isaacs, wife of the huntsman to the Pychley Hounds, fell dead on the platform of the Castle Station, Northampton.

Displaying a candle in a ginger-beer bottle, a driver who was charged at Halifax with being without a light said, "Here's my lamp."

At Woking yesterday Lord Bingham was selected as Unionist candidate for the Chertsey Division owing to Mr. Fyler's pending retirement.

Having lost her situation through drink, a lady's maid named Hannah Pinlet, lately in service in Park-lane, W., committed suicide yesterday by drinking carbolic.

Mr. Thomas Jones, registrar of marriages at Brynmawr, who has just died, held that appointment for forty-seven years, and had taken part in the uniting of no fewer than 10,000 couples.

STRANGE PREPARATION FOR SUICIDE.

At Yeaton Alfred Long, a mule spinner, hanged himself in an attic bedroom of his father's house. The father said that immediately before hanging himself his son cleaned his boots, put new laces into them, washed himself, and changed his clothes.

ARRESTED IN BED.

Four Marylebone labourers, taken from their beds, were remanded at Westminster yesterday charged with being concerned in stealing six antique pewter vases, valued at £120, from a house in Hobart-place, Belgravia.

TOWN OVERRUN WITH TRAMPS.

The chairman of the Northwich Bench announces that they intend to treat tramps with severity. The town is overrun with them; there are sometimes forty a day, and the Chief Constable asserts that leniency is the cause of it.

BEQUEATHED WINE TO HIS WIFE.

One hundred dozen bottles of wine have been bequeathed to his wife by the late Mr. John Watney, of The Distillery House, Wandsworth, senior partner of the firm of John Watney and Co., of the Wandsworth Distillery. His estate is proved at £278,975.

SPARROWS' NEST IN SIGNAL GONG.

A pair of sparrows have built their nest immediately underneath the gong of a large electric signal bell situated outside the main entrance to Hampton Court Railway Station. Although the gong rings at the approach of each train, the birds fly in and out to their nest without taking the slightest notice of the noise caused by the constant ringing.

LADY INTOXICATED ON HORSEBACK.

At Melton Mowbray Petty Sessions Mrs. Inez Craven, wife of the Hon. Rupert Craven, and a well-known member of the Melton Hunt, was fined £1 and £1 5s. costs for being drunk in charge of a horse on the highway at Melton Mowbray.

A constable said he saw the lady riding on horseback and stopped her, as she was drunk, and not in a fit state to be in charge of a horse. He took her back to her house, and refused to allow her to go on horseback alone.

INDIGNANT FATHER'S FATAL BLOW

At the inquest on the body of William Foulkes it was stated that the dead man insulted a girl named Emma in a Dolgelly public-house, and her father, coming in as she was protesting, struck Foulkes three times about the head with his fists.

The man dropped dead from the effect of the blows, medical examination afterwards showing that he had sustained no injuries except those on his face.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against the man who struck him.

TELEGRAPH CLERKS' HARD LOT.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. W. Rutherford, M.P., headed a deputation of about thirty Unionist members to Lord Stanley, the Postmaster-General, for the purpose of bringing forward a number of grievances as to pay, promotion, etc., of which complaint is made by postal telegraph clerks.

It was shown that their rates of pay and other conditions of employment, especially between the ages of twenty-five and thirty, were less favourable than those of telegraphists in France, Italy, Holland, and Germany; that the pay was less than the average given to mechanics in England, and that the telegraph clerks worked in many cases in most insanitary premises.

Lord Stanley promised careful consideration of the recommendations.

"BEATING THE BOUNDS" TO-DAY.

To-day being Ascension Day, the ancient custom of beating the bounds will be observed in many parishes where this old custom still survives. One place where Londoners will have an opportunity of seeing the ceremony will be St. Lawrence Jewry, where the Rev. Stephen Barriss will have two parishes to look after—his own and St. Mary Magdalen, Milk-street.

The procession consists of the rector, the head, the overseers with wands, and a number of choir boys with willow or other wands. The custom, which is of ancient origin, was originally observed to teach the boys the boundary of their own parish before maps were so common.

A SCHOOLBOY ROBBER BAND.

The Berlin police are congratulating themselves on the capture of a gang of schoolboy robbers.

Their speciality was to persuade young children returning from market to leave their well-filled baskets with these juvenile brigands while they went on fictitious errands.

The eldest of the gang, who styled himself captain, was only eleven years old, and the gang he led and trained were about the same age.

"The deterioration of Brixton," said a fishmonger in the Bankruptcy Court yesterday, "was the cause of my failure."

George Morton, a workman employed at Somerset House, fell from a scaffold yesterday morning, and died soon afterwards.

An inquest was held yesterday on a girl named Goldberg, who ran away from Russia with a young man, and committed suicide four weeks after her arrival in London.

Forty-five years ago to-day the Volunteer force was formed. On this day, in 1859, the War Office issued a circular to the Lord-Lieutenants of counties authorising the enrolment of Volunteers in corps not exceeding 100 officers and men in each.

The coffin of a woman who had died at Crewe was just about to be carried to the hearse when the police stopped the funeral. It had been suggested by gossips that her death was caused by foul play, but investigation showed there was no foundation for the rumour.

BEST SONGS MADE IN LONDON.

"There is no place like London for picking up first-rate songs. They suit both sides of the Atlantic, and, after all, I was surprised at the manner in which my London songs were received on the other side," said Miss Vesta Tilley, the popular music-hall artist, who returned to England yesterday from a long and successful tour in the United States.

STRAWBERRIES SIXPENCE A POUND.

For the first time this year strawberries were sold in the London streets yesterday.

Barrows laden with luscious fruit, which was marked "6d. a lb.," were to be seen in various districts, but it seems but a year to create any great demand for strawberries, and there was no rush for them.

MONTH FOR NOT BEING A DESERTER.

At Clitheroe James Reynolds, who was on Monday charged on his own confession with being a deserter from the R.F.A., was again charged and committed to a month for falsely representing himself to be a deserter.

DIED AND BURIED TOGETHER.

Robbed in shrouds made by the wife forty years ago, an old couple named Thurgood, of Cowling, Suffolk, have just been buried in the same grave in the Congregational Chapel burial ground. Mr. Thurgood was ninety years of age and his wife eighty-seven. They died on the same day.

TO TEACH CANADIANS TO FISH.

The little 30-ton herring steamer Thirty-three, of Yarmouth, has sailed for Canada, having been chartered by the Dominion Government with a picked crew.

For some time past it has been in contemplation to develop the Canadian herring industry, and it is thought this can be best done by introducing the successful methods of the English East Coast.

MILL GIRLS MARCH OUT.

A strike of mill girls took place yesterday at Paisley, near Glasgow, owing to the introduction of new machinery in the handwinding department. The girls allege that they are unable now to make half their former wages, and demand higher rates of pay.

A hundred girls were directly affected by the new machinery, but they were joined by others in different departments.

The threat sends in Paisley employ about ten thousand workers.

£42,000,000 PROFIT IN A YEAR.

A Parliamentary paper just issued contains a preliminary summary of the railway returns for the United Kingdom for 1903.

The total length of the lines open for traffic in 1903 was 22,380 miles. The paid-up capital in round figures amounted to 1,244 millions. The number of passengers conveyed, exclusive of season ticket holders, was 1,194 millions. The total gross receipts were 110 millions, and the total expenditure sixty-eight millions; leaving the net receipts at forty-two millions.

HOUSEKEEPER AT TWELVE.

When her father was sentenced to three months' imprisonment at Sheffield for neglecting his children, the Court was told how a twelve-year-old girl kept house for the family.

The four boys earned between them a guinea a week, and Fanny, their sister, collected everything, keeping account of her expenses in a most methodical way. Two shillings a week she put aside for clothing, and two shillings for paying off a debt incurred at the mother's funeral. The father shared in the food, though he did not contribute a penny towards the cost.

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UNDER THE JUDGE'S LASH.

Mr. Sievier's Life History Reviewed by Mr. Justice Grantham.

THE PRESENTATION SCANDAL.

Continued from page 1.

all of his acquaintances had seen him display his iron nerve on racecourse, in billiard-room, and at baccarat-table, Mr. Sievier was crying—in fact, sobbing.

Throughout the day he had been sitting without having removed his tan gloves from his hands, and with the backs of his gloved hands he proceeded to wipe his tears away.

Directly the Judge began his summing-up—a summing-up that was at once frankly condemnatory of Mr. Sievier's nonchalance at once returned. Mr. Sievier is not a man who cries when hard things are said of him.

He smiled when the Judge spoke of his audacity, and looked almost pleased when an action of his was described as being as disgraceful and discreditable a thing that his Lordship had ever heard of.

When by a slip of the tongue his Lordship spoke of the Mr. Horne, of the Monte Carlo incident, as "Drunk Horne," instead of "Drinking Horne," Mr. Sievier laughed.

At the beginning of the day Sir James Duke went into the witness-box in order that his cross-examination, which had been begun on the previous afternoon, might be finished.

With Memory Refreshed.

Mr. Bankes opened proceedings by asking about a list of charges against Mr. Sievier that Sir James had drawn up some time ago, but did not allege in the present action. On Tuesday afternoon Sir James admitted that he had shown this list to some of his personal friends.

He now said that since the evening before he had received a letter from Mr. Arthur Chetwynd, which refreshed his memory. Mr. Chetwynd said in his letter that only one paragraph was read.

"Did you read it before a Mr. Bass?" asked Mr. Bankes.

Sir James could not remember clearly on this point.

In answer to another question, he said that he believed a Mr. Taylor was standing near when he read the paragraph. This paragraph happened to refer to Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Taylor, who had overheard, said, "I am the man referred to."

"Mr. Sievier was a very successful owner, was he not?" continued Mr. Bankes. "Did he not head the list of owners in 1902?"

Sir James: I do not know. I was in that year ill in bed.

Mr. Bankes: That is just the time to read papers. (Loud laughter.) Do you not know that Mr. Sievier's winnings in that year were £25,000?

Sceptre's Running.

Sir James said that he was not sure about this. "I never have suggested there was anything unfair about Sceptre's running," he continued, "and I do not believe it."

Mr. Bankes: You heard rumours that Sceptre had been run unfairly?

Sir James: Yes, but I did not believe them.

Mr. Bankes: When did you first hear a complaint about Mr. Sievier coming into the club?

Sir James: About April.

Mr. Bankes: You say that in Australia you heard gossip about Mr. Sievier, and that you saw him thrown out of a boat. Did you take any steps to investigate those rumours?

Sir James: They were told me by honourable men.

Mr. Bankes: You realise that the rumour you repeated about the dead body found outside Mr. Sievier's hotel suggested foul play?

Sir James: Not to me. I was only talking about cards.

Mr. Bankes: Some of these rumours that you heard when you were in the Raleigh Club about Mr. Sievier could be investigated? For instance, the rumour about Boodles' Club that Mr. Sievier was asked to resign, or was turned out. Did you investigate this?

Sir James: I could not go to Boodles' Club and ask whether or not I had heard a member of my own club was true. One club was in Regent-street and the other in St. James's-street.

In answer to a further question the "gazing-room" of the Raleigh Club was mentioned, and the Judge asked what this meant. Sir James replied that it was a "gazing-room" in the room on the ground-floor, from the windows of which members gaze at what is happening in the street.

Rubbed it in Hard.

"You rubbed it into Mr. Sievier pretty hard, didn't you?" asked Mr. Bankes. "I was asked questions about the conversation between the witness and Major Sellar, when the alleged slanders were spoken."

"No," replied Sir James, "I think I was very mild."

This retort produced much amusement among an audience that was obviously on the look out for "good things."

When Sir Walton re-examined Sir James the latter made a protest. "I consider it a great breach of confidence on Major Sellar's part to have told Mr. Sievier about what I said," he remarked.

Inspector Drew was the next witness. He said that he was the inspector at Vine-street, and in the course of his duty had to find out the characters of men who frequented the West End of London. These men were called "men who are on the make."

For some years he had known Mr. Sievier by sight and reputation. His reputation was bad. The reputations of Burns and Cavanagh, mentioned in the case, were also bad.

"You have known Mr. Sievier since 1899. No charge has been made against him except those mentioned in this case?" asked Mr. Bankes.

Inspector Drew: No, except assaults; no criminal charge has been made. A man is known by the company he keeps, and Mr. Sievier was bad.

More amusement was caused at this point by a remark of Mr. Gill. Mr. Gill affably told Mr. Bankes that as far as he—Mr. Gill—knew the inspector knew nothing about Mr. Bankes's character.

Evidence was also given by Mr. Herbert George Pierce, chairman of the Raleigh Club. He described how Major Sellar repeated what Sir James

Duke had said, and how the latter did not agree with the major's version.

After the verdict Mr. Ricketts, on behalf of Major Sellar, said that his client was away from England prior to making Mr. Sievier's acquaintance, and so was not in a position to have heard what was said about him.

Sensational Summing-Up.

Mr. Justice Grantham did not spare Mr. Sievier when he entered upon his summing-up of the evidence which had been given during the case. He commenced by observing that the characters of both plaintiff and defendant were dependent upon the verdict.

Were they going to allow Sievier to go into the world whitewashed, as a man of honour who could say that he went again amongst his friends with the thought that the charges made against him were without foundation? If the jury did believe that, then it would be their duty to find a verdict for plaintiff, giving him damages. At the same time, the conduct and character of Sir James Duke were in their care, and if they thought he was not guilty they must protect him.

Did one word fall from Sir James Duke in the witness-box which indicated that he was actuated from any spirit of malice, or anything apart from what he considered to be his duty?

On the other hand, from the plaintiff's own showing, he himself was such an individual that the jury might be asked whether there was a man amongst them who, belonging to a club, would not retire at once if Sievier was admitted.

Siever asked for such damages as would allow him to go forth to the public whitewashed by a jury of his country. Why? In order to reproduce the terrible incidents such as had been detailed, like the "Drinking" Horne episodes and others, with impunity.

Turning to Sievier's marriage, the Judge in stern tones related the details. Sievier took Lady Mabel Bruce away from a man to whom she was on the eve of being married. Had she not been so taken away and become Sievier's wife she might have been the wife of an honourable man, and have led a life far different to that which she had now experienced.

"You see," said his Lordship, "the character of the man!"

The Presentation at Court.

His Lordship then dealt with the subject of the presentation of Sievier to the late Queen Victoria. "He traded in Australia under an assumed name, as a bookmaker," the Judge said, "and then had the audacity to come to England, and manage to be presented to her late Majesty."

Everybody knows what the feeling of Queen Victoria was with regard to such men as he. Why, she would almost have given up her throne than have such a man presented to her.

There was a loud outburst of applause at this remark by the Judge.

Everybody knows that on some length upon other subjects, his Lordship observed that he would be only insulting the jury if he asked them to believe such a man as Sievier.

If they accepted Sir James Duke's account of the Raleigh Club incident, then there would be a clean verdict for the defendant.

If, on the other hand, they believed Major Sellar's version, they would find for the plaintiff, and give such damages as they might think he ought to have.

The jury were absent for only twelve minutes, and then returned with their verdict, which was received with applause.

MYTHICAL FORTUNE ROMANCE.

Bristol Adventurer's Arrangements for His Suicide.

At Bristol yesterday, Ernest Arthur Moore, alias Stephen, who is accused of fraud under remarkable circumstances, appeared on remand before the magistrates. He smiled pleasantly on entering the court.

Having explained that further evidence would be taken respecting the charge of obtaining £5 from Mr. E. W. Pearce with intent to defraud, Mr. Wise, for the prosecution, said that Mr. Pearce's brother met prisoner at the Y.M.C.A., and afterwards introduced him. The prisoner represented himself to Mr. Ernest Pearce as a young man of fortune, saying that when he came of age he would have £47,000 and an income of £12,000 per annum. At interviews between the parties the prisoner complained of being short of cash, and Mr. Pearce lent him a cheque for £10. They went together to the London and Lancashire Bank, when the prisoner repeated his story.

Afterwards prisoner went to London, and wrote from Buckingham Palace Hotel as follows:—

My dear Ernest,—Do not think I had forgotten you. I should have come round last evening only my car had got worse, and having a journey before me I thought it better to go to bed. I have been here all day, and all is finished. I have to go to Oxford to-morrow, and then we come to Bristol, and shall expect you to meet us if you can. What think you of the papers? I am angry, and have to-day been to some London editors and given it all to them. My head is aching. I wish I was back. I have been out to dinner, and have just come home. I should be glad if you could wire me up £5 or £10 as I have got short. Do not be cross with me, as I have been so worried with one and another, and I feel right bad.

His Appeal Answered.

In response to this letter £5 was sent, but the prisoner did not keep his appointment, and the police were communicated with. Prosecutor then gave evidence bearing out counsel's statement, and described his meeting with the accused at the Y.M.C.A. and the subsequent developments which led up to his arrest.

Witness in London in April, the prisoner sent the following letter:—

London (just off to Brighton). Dear George and Ernest,—Try and forgive me for this. I was driven to it. I am off to Brighton, and shall by the time you get this be dead. So, I do not think of me. I am going into church to pray for forgiveness, and then die by poison, and shall be dead by 9.35, or as near then as possible. I have not been happy, and now all is over shall die. Do not think too hard of me, as I have tried to forgive me, and I feel right bad. I would give anything for this not to occur. Pray for me when I cannot for myself. E. A. STEPHENS.

The prisoner was again remanded.

MR. HOOLEY "AT HOME."

His Family and Many Old Friends Visit His Hotel.

BAIL FOR MR. LAWSON.

The ex-millionaire and colossal company promoter, Mr. Hooley, spent yesterday quietly at the Albemarle Hotel in Piccadilly, receiving the sympathetic calls of his numerous friends, and going through a number of papers and contracts dealing with the charges brought against him on Tuesday at Bow-street Police Court.

Mrs. Hooley, with her two grown-up daughters, arrived at the hotel late on Tuesday night, and are staying there with her husband.

After the court proceedings terminated, Chief Inspector Frost, accompanied by another police officer, went to the Albemarle Hotel, and examined the various documents in Mr. Hooley's safe and desk.

The secretary, Mr. Campbell, assisted him by handing out the papers and unlocking the various safes and drawers.

After making an examination, and taking notes of important documents, the police officer returned the keys to Mr. Campbell and left the hotel.

During yesterday morning Mr. Hooley received telegrams from business acquaintances in all parts of the country and sixteen old friends called upon him personally.

Friends Rally Round.

The visitors included gentlemen who had travelled up from Nottingham, Derby, Birmingham, and Liverpool to see him directly they had heard the news of his arrest.

Mr. Hooley appeared in excellent spirits yesterday, and seemed very confident that he would be able to refute the charges brought against him.

The financier wore the blue serge lounge suit and white tie that he appeared in at Bow-street. No. 1, a suite, which is occupied by the builder of companies, is an elegantly furnished set of rooms on the first floor of the Albemarle, at the head of the staircase leading from the entrance hall.

The large bedroom is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hooley, leading from it is the reception room, tastefully decorated with palms and flowers, where the family take their meals, and beyond that is the room used as an office. The Misses Hooley occupy another bedroom adjoining the suite.

An intimate friend informed a *Mirror* representative that Mr. Hooley's family was a most affectionate and united one, without exception. He has five children—three girls and two boys. The eldest son is at Cambridge University, and the youngest at one of the public schools.

Belief in "the Square."

The tenants and employees on the estates at Papworth and Risley, in Derbyshire, are firm in their belief of the innocence of "the Square," as he is affectionately called; and the news of his arrest caused a sudden shock.

It was the subject of conversation everywhere in that part of the country yesterday, and it was hard for the folk to realise that the "Law" had laid its heavy hand upon "the Square" and incarcerated him in a police cell.

Sir Victor Horsley, his family will probably go down to Risley Hall on Friday to spend the weekend quietly.

MR. LAWSON RELEASED ON BAIL.

At Bow Street yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Smith, Mr. Henry Wilson, solicitor for Mr. Henry J. Lawson, produced two sureties to secure the release of his client on bail. The sureties were Mrs. E. C. Oliver, of 25, Worsley-road, Hampstead, and Mr. Thomas Robinson, of 19, Montpelier-crescent, Brighton, each of whom testified that they were the necessary £3,000. The magistrates then signed the order for Mr. Lawson's release, and police-officers afterwards proceeded to Brixton Prison, armed with the order. Mr. Lawson was immediately set at liberty.

Advertising by Doctors.

Sir Victor Horsley was the principal witness examined yesterday on the resumption of the High Court action brought by Dr. E. A. Cloete Smith, a Rontgen-ray specialist, who sought to recover from Mr. W. Luscombe Pearce, of Cleveland-terrace, W., a hundred guineas for professional attendance upon his wife and damages for assault. The defendant admitted the assault, and counter-claimed for damages for alleged injury caused to his wife by the X-ray treatment.

Sir Victor Horsley stated that Mrs. Pearce had a growth of a suspicious nature, but it certainly was not cancer. Mr. Pare asked him if the high frequency currents would do his wife any good, and he said that in his opinion they would do neither good nor harm. It was a well-ascertained fact that the X-rays were absolutely useless for internal cancer. The utmost that could be expected from the exposure of the nodules to the rays was that they might shrink and disappear where they were local and superficial.

In cross-examination he said he had used the X-rays for superficial cancer of the skin. His experience of the rays in connection with internal cancer was that they neither mitigated the pain nor altered the course of the malady.

Re-examined, he said he had never in his whole life seen such a case of burning. He thought this was a unique case of damage done, and in his opinion there was no medical justification for the treatment.

Dr. Henry Huxley said he did not agree that the nodules of his wife were permeated with cancer, but even if she were the X-ray treatment could not possibly have done her any good. He refused to meet Dr. Cloete Smith because he must have known of the circular advertising his treatment.

In the medical profession advertising was considered a breach of *étiquette*.

The hearing was again adjourned.

When the Liverpool police sent the fingerprints of a man calling himself Alfred Riley up to Scotland Yard, they found their prisoner's real name was Atkin, and he had been previously convicted.

LOVE ON THE LINE.

Prolonged "Au Revoir" Ends in a Police Court Fine.

In answer to a summons for travelling on the Great Eastern Railway without paying his fare Samuel Levy pleaded in defence at Worship-street yesterday that he had been seeing a young lady off by train.

Mr. Margetts, for the defence, explained that Levy had been bidding au revoir to the lady, but having a good deal to say to her he jumped into the train as she left Coborn-road to see her to the City.

The Magistrate: And left her at Bishopsgate-street—a most dangerous place.

Mr. Margetts: You must trust sometimes, and love does not always estimate the consequences.

The Magistrate: I do not see the connection between a young man's fancy and defrauding a railway company.

Mr. Margetts was willing to admit there had been fraud, but Levy, perhaps, like most people in love, was blind to his acts.

The magistrate ordered a fine of forty shillings with two guineas costs to be paid.

NO FLORAL AXE.

Mr. Ismay Denies an Entertaining American Fable.

"What about the floral axe, Mr. Ismay?" This curious question, put by a *Mirror* representative to Mr. Bruce Ismay, the new president of the Shipping Combine, who arrived in London by the Oceanic from New York yesterday, seemed to perplex the shipping magnate.

It was explained to Mr. Ismay that, according to a venacious newspaper account from New York, he was, on going aboard the Oceanic, presented with a bouquet in the shape of a floral axe. This was a delicate compliment to him upon the great stroke of business he had done, and the effective cutting down of expenses and other steps towards retrenchment which he had effected.

"I know nothing whatever about it," said Mr. Ismay, apparently amused, though by no means flattered.

Questioned as to what steps he had taken towards realising his ideal of working the whole of the trust business on White Star lines, Mr. Ismay said he was not prepared to make any statement on the matter.

THE CITY.

The Japanese loan prospects made its appearance yesterday morning, and terms, as previously announced by us. It is a £10,000,000 loan offered equally to London and New York, with 6 per cent. interest, redeemable in seven years, and with the Japanese Government's option of redeeming in three. Immediately after the public sale, the Japanese Minister visited the Stock Exchange, and was conducted through the markets amid a scene of great enthusiasm, which resulted in the loan being put upon the loan. It is said that it is already ten times over-subscribed.

Consols and gilt-edged stocks, generally were buoyant, especially the new scrips, which were all advanced very sharply.

Generally speaking, the markets opened rather dull, and this was due to fears as to how Paris might take the latest news from the Far East. But Paris was buying rather than selling, so the markets quickly turned round, and were buoyant practically all day.

In Home Ruler the terms of Under-ground and Southern passenger stocks. The former was attributed to American buying, and the latter to the fact that there was some talk of reviving interest in Americans, several of the big firms in connection with New York speaking optimistically, but there was no business with it except of a selling nature.

Grand Trunks weakened on the disappointing traffic. Caledonian, Del., and others on good traffic after being weak, and the Mexican Railway still published a good report in the evening. Argentine Rails rested, in spite of excellent news.

The great finance houses were supporting the foreign loan, and the market was buoyant. Japanese bonds were strongly supported, and, as a whole, the foreign market was good.

Buying of Docks was perhaps the feature of the Miscellaneous group. When it is found that Paris did not sell Kaffirs, the South African market went ahead; but in the Street there was selling all round, and the market was encouraged by the Oroya-Brownhill meeting, and West Africans by a good Wassau crushing.

LATEST MARKET PRICES.

* * * The "Daily Illustrated Mirror" prices are the latest available. Unlike most of our contemporaries, we take special care to obtain the latest quotations in the Street markets after the official close of the Stock Exchange.

The following are the closing prices for the day:

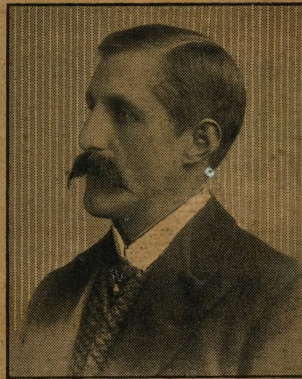
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India 3 p.c. 97½	97½	Asiatic 30	30
London C. & G. 90	90	Assoc. C. M. 30	30
Argentine P. & R. 103	103	Banque 30	30
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Brighton 120	120	E. Rand. M. 30	30
Caledonian 120	120	Gold Coast 30	30
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North Eastern 120	120	Gold Coast 30	30
Midland 70	70	Gold Coast 30	30
North British 44	44	Gold Coast 30	30
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Atchison 73	73	Gold Coast 30	30
Ch. Mill & S. P. 100	100	Gold Coast 30	30
Ch. Sh. 24	24	Gold Coast 30	30
London & N. 111	111	Gold Coast 30	30
Southern Pacific 80	80	Gold Coast 30	30
Union Pacific 80	80	Gold Coast 30	30
U.S. Steel 90	90	Gold Coast 30	30
Do. Pref. 60	60	Gold Coast 30	30
Rosario Consol. 94	94	Gold Coast 30	30
London & N. 111	111	Gold Coast 30	30
Gr. Ind. Conf. 88	88	Gold Coast 30	30
Azores 90	90	Gold Coast 30	30
Hudson Bay 40	40	Gold Coast 30	30
L. D. D. 180	180	Gold Coast 30	30
Nelson 140	140	Gold Coast 30	30
Sweetwater 170	170	Gold Coast 30	30
Victoria 180	180	Gold Coast 30	30

MRS. HOOLEY'S COUNTRY HOUSE.



Papworth Hall, the residence on Mrs. Hooley's Cambridgeshire estate, where Mr. Hooley indulges his taste for farming.

MR. MAX PEMBERTON ILL.



Mr. Max Pemberton, the well-known novelist, who has recently undergone a serious operation.—(Photograph by Killick and Abbot.)

INDIAN AND ENGLISH CLAIM

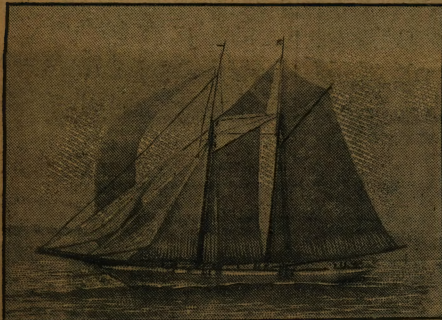


Alan Hyde Gardner, the English claimant to the title of Lord Gardner.—(Photograph by Bliss.)



Stewart William, part of the Indian claimant.

MR. HOOLEY'S YACHT, VERENA.



At the time of his great wealth Mr. Hooley was an enthusiastic yachtsman, and his racing schooner, the Verena, was well known at every yachting centre, especially on the Riviera.

PHOTOGRAPHY AT THE FRONT



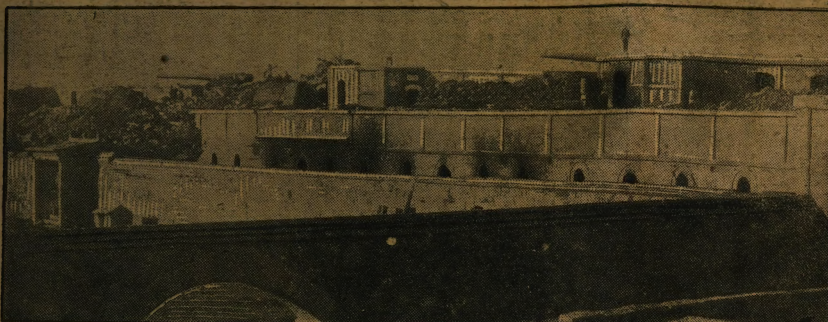
Mr. G. Rogers, war correspondent of the Charles Urban Trading Co., photographing on Lake Baikal. His photographs appear in the "Mirror".—(Photograph by the Charles Urban Trading Co.)

WEEPING RUSSIANS DEPART



The departure of M. Pavloff, the Russian Minister at Seoul, from the launch of the French cruiser Pascal. He departed from the special train.

PORT ARTHUR'S LAND DEFENCES.



A view of one of the land forts of Port Arthur, on the Tiger's Tail Peninsula. The forts are all armed with new and powerful guns, and new forts have recently been built.

MOTOR-CAR MONUMENT.



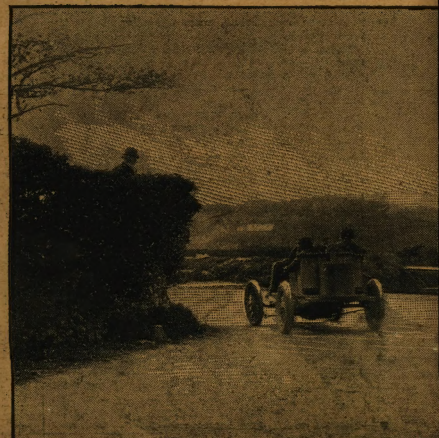
This monument to Levassor, the inventor of the motor-car, has just been unveiled in Paris, at the appropriate time of the Gordon-Bennett Cup preparations.—(Photograph by Branger and Co.)

WELL-KNOWN TRAINER AND HIS WIFE.



Mr. John Porter, the famous trainer of the King-cloer stable, and his wife. He is training Rydal Head, the Duke of Westminster's candidate for the Derby.

SCENES IN THE G



The No. 11. Darracq racer rounding Willaston Corner in the morning during the racing trials in the Isle of Man.

S TO AN ENGLISH PEERAGE.



her and the Mohammadan wife whom he married in the early century. His descendants also claim the Gardner title.

PLEASED THE QUEEN.



M. Herold, the Danish tenor, who is singing at Covent Garden, has been received by the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Her Majesty is not only interested in him as a compatriot, but is also delighted with his voice. He is singing to-night in "Lohengrin."

EASIER SAID THAN DONE.



This Russian cartoon, printed in crude colours, expresses the way in which "Holy Russia's" Army intends to treat Japan.

ED FROM KOREA.



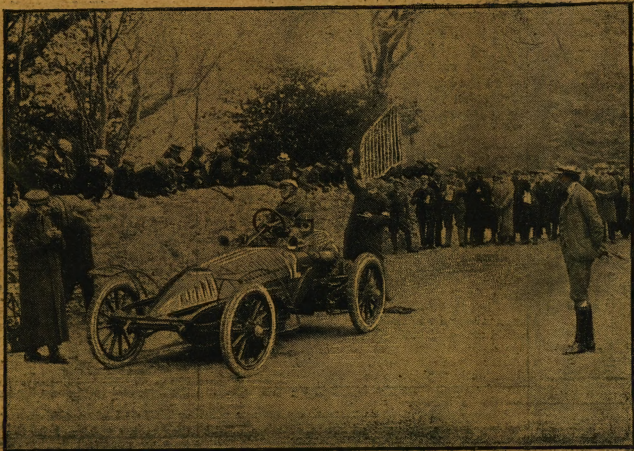
family and staff, from Chemulpho, on board the under a Japanese guard, and was conveyed by mulpho.

WHAT THE RUSSIAN PEASANT IS TOLD.



This cartoon also predicts great success for the Russian Navy. One blow, says the cartoonist, and it will all be over. The tables, however, seem to be turned, and by changing the names the cartoon would do very well for a Japanese publication, except for its want of artistic taste.

ON-BENNETT TRIAL RACES IN THE ISLE OF MAN.



Mr. Charles Jarrott starting on his Wolseley car in the eliminating trials for the Gordon-Bennett Cup, held in the Isle of Man.

THE NAMELESS PICTURE.



Who is this? Ask your friends. A prize of one guinea for the correct solution. See page 9.

MARRIAGE AS AN ECONOMICAL INVESTMENT.

BACHELORS AND THEIR INCOMES.

WHY THE SINGLE MAN'S BILLS ARE SO HIGH.

By A MARRIED MAN.

When a man's single, though it is pleasant for him to be his own master, it is curious to think of the amount of money he gets through without having much to show for it. Breakfast, the first meal of the day, is about the most expensive item in his expenditure. English youths are brought up with very vague ideas as to the prices of the necessities of life. They see the daily meals recur with the regularity of a perfectly organised machine, but they never stop to discover whether the good dinner set before them costs five shillings or fifty. When their turn comes to provide for themselves they are absolutely at the mercy of any man who chooses to prey upon them. Many a brave young man is a coward in the presence of the landlady who victimises him to her greedy heart's content.

Her Own Interests At Heart.

For many generations the lodging-house cat has been a zoological curiosity. Her appetites are varied. Even coals do not come amiss to her. Moths, too, are dreadful creatures—whole dozens of handkerchiefs and ties vanish before their insatiable maws, and the worst of it is that any complaints with regard to these abnormal creatures puts the landlady into such a temper that the victim regrets having mentioned them at all. The victim determines to try living in chambers, but finds that he merely passes from one tyranny to another. Instances have been known of whole families being reared upon the spoils of helpless bachelors, who never dreamed that they were being fleeced by the charwoman who goes into his rooms and "does for him" when he is away at his work.

Observe the Difference.

And there are other expenses. When a man's single his friends and he have all things in common, which community of goods extends far beyond the limits of cigars and tobacco, matters that amongst men are quite legitimately shared. Then the cost of amusements has to be reckoned. A bachelor requires, or at least enjoys, a great deal more pleasuring than a married man. Billiards, supper parties, and theatres run away with vast sums of money.

Now matrimony puts a "long stop" to many of these evils. It takes the victim out of the hands of the harpies to begin with. It gently closes the widely-opened door, introducing quite another element into the programme of hospitality. It makes a home out of the least promising lodgings. Cats cease to devour, moths no longer devour favourite ties and best new handkerchiefs; the husband reflects that he has double the consumption of food to provide, the shrinkage is absolutely startling. All this is the more remarkable since the lover thinks he has married what seemed to him to be an inexperienced girl, many years his junior, who yet thoroughly understands the management of his expenses, and has mastered the science of housekeeping, while he is ignorant even of the A B C of it.

The average English girl has unconsciously learned how to get the worth of every one of the

twelve pennies in her shilling. She will know how to save in one direction in order to be liberal in another. She will see after her husband's comfort. If you choose your mate out of a well-ordered, well-managed English home you will find your expenses diminished and your comforts increased.

The whole matter lies in a nutshell—when a man's single he is at the mercy of the landlady who regards him as The Enemy, and preys upon him accordingly. But when a man marries he is in the hands of a loyal woman, whose interests are his own, and whose happiness is the reflection of that which she brings into his life.

A HAT THAT PLAYS THREE PARTS.

No girl likes to wear the same hat long, but many are clever enough so to ring the changes on one model that it appears in three perfectly fresh editions. On the left of this picture is shown a cream chip Dolly Varden hat as it first appears from the milliner's, crowned



with pink roses, and threaded through with pale blue ribbon that ties beneath the chin. Beneath, a little to the right, the same hat is sketched completely altered by means of a lace veil draped over the brim and the roses massed in another manner. Finally, notice it at the top of the sketch, pinched up at the back, trimmed with a big black bow on the brim, and finished by a bank of roses that rest upon the hair.

DOUBLE VEILS.

Veils must in these days be counted in with the dainty little accessories upon which a woman is compelled to spend an appreciable amount of her pin money. The complexion veil, as it is called, is really nothing more than a double veil, the outer one of any fancy mesh, plain or dotted, and embroidered dots have somewhat supplanted those of chenille or velvet; and the second one of the palest tint of pink tulle that can be obtained. The effect is so dainty and becoming that they are worth the money expended upon them.



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OUR SERIAL.

Stage-Struck.

By SIDNEY WARWICK.

CHAPTER XXXII. Mother and Child.

Not until she was in her dressing-room at the theatre that night did it flash upon Janet Desborough why she had awakened that morning with the vague feeling that to-day was some particular day in her calendar.

To-day was her child's birthday, of course. How could she have come to forget little Elsie's birthday of all things? She was feeling jaded and tired after the afternoon performance; and she had been debating in her mind, as she stood in front of the large-glass dressing for her part, whether she should run down to Overton by the early morning train to-morrow and spend Sunday there, when the sudden remembrance of her child's birthday flashed upon her. Elsie's birthday—and she had forgotten it!

Perhaps the heavy demands that her work had been making on her of late, that had left her mentally and physically fagged, had been the cause of this omission of memory. Only, she told herself impatiently, she ought not to have allowed even her work to come between her and Elsie and her care for Elsie. How could she have forgotten?—and she had been thinking, too, of her child that day. That fact decided her. She would go down to Overton to-morrow.

Her room at the Paragon, if far from being luxuriously appointed, was in marked contrast with the dressing-rooms she had had experience of in provincial theatres.

Usually in the country she had to dress in a low-ceilinged room, shared with one or more of her company, with no ventilation worth speaking of, where the dressing-table consisted of a long, broad, deal shelf running along one side of the bare white-washed walls; badly lit by a flaring gas jet, un-

shaded because of the protecting wire cage that encased it; where the looking-glasses were invariably small and frequently flawed; where, as likely as not, the jugs had lost handle and spout. The British mechanic goes out in his hundreds on strike for far less grievances than the very real grievance which the provincial actor is compelled to put up with night after night, unless he have the luck to be leading man, in eight out of every ten theatres in the country.

By comparison Janet's dressing-room at Mr. Broughton's theatre was a model of comfort. It was well carpeted; the walls were papered; it contained a couch and one or two easy chairs; both hot and cold water were laid on.

Janet stood in front of the large cheval looking-glass, "making-up" for her part. In the case of an actress who merely desires to present the same appearance on the stage as nature does for her off the boards, making-up ceases to be the complicated affair it is in the case of "character" parts, where it is frequently necessary to alter one's natural appearance out of recognition. Janet now merely gave her face a pink tone, and by the aid of a stick of rose-pink grease-paint this was necessary on account of the strong lights on the stage—added a deeper tinge of colour to her cheeks, and darkened the eyebrows. The liberal application of a powder-puff to obviate the shiny appearance of the grease paint completed the process.

It was nearly eight o'clock. The air was quivering tremulously with the strains from the orchestra. Then the music died away with a sudden crash of chords. From beyond the curtain came, faintly audible, the murmuring hum of the house and the voices and sounds of the scene-shifters at work on the stage below. A bell sounded, and almost at the same moment there was a sharp knock on the door and the call-boy cried:

"Curtain up, Miss Desborough!"

By this time Janet was in her stage costume, and the dresser was fastening it. She did not hurry; she did not go on for a quarter of an hour yet. The fiddles played softly the opening bars of music and the voices of the actors who were on as the curtain rose crept up to the room; then an outburst of applause sent a vibration through the dressing-room, and set the gas flickering, as Janet opened the door and went down the iron staircase from the landing to be ready at the wings for her cue. She had been feeling very tired and jaded, but the moment she was in the dressing-room the tingling electrical feeling that pervades the atmosphere behind the scenes when the piece is in progress communicated itself to her nerves, like

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CORSETS FOR MEN.

Tribulations of Comedians Who Have to Wear Them in "Veronique."

At the Apollo Theatre last evening a *Mirror* representative inspected some of the clothes that will be worn in Messager's opera "Veronique," which will be produced next Tuesday. He was only able to see some of the male garments. These are practically of the same period and style as were worn in Mr. Tree's production of "The Last of the Dandies."

The elegant vests—one especially—which were a feature of that production will again be witnessed in "Veronique." Mr. Aubrey Fitzgerald, the comedian, opened a cardboard box and drew therefrom a real, unmistakable corset. It was not very dissimilar from those which you may see, begarlanded with ribbon, in the Bond-street millinery shops. It was about twelve inches deep, severely plain, but, nevertheless, a corset.

Holding it out gingerly at arm's length—"This," he said, "is the instrument of torture about which you have been inquiring. There is no doubt about it that at first it caused me exquisite pain, but I expect we shall get used to after the piece has run a few weeks. But the 'ing-in-on' was awful."

ENGLISH PEERAGE ROMANCE.

Singular Complications Due to an Oriental Marriage.

The strange complications of the Gardner peerage, which has been dormant since the death of the third baron without male issue, will shortly once more come before the House of Lords.

In the early part of the last century, Stewart William Gardner, a grandson of Rear-Admiral Lord Gardner, lived in the North-West Provinces of India and contracted a marriage with a native woman, and begat numerous descendants.

In 1884, soon after the third baron died, the eldest of these coloured descendants sought to take his seat in the House of Lords, but the Lord Chancellor decided an inquiry must be held into his claims.

On the death of his father in 1901, Alan Hyde Gardner, who also claims the title through a collateral branch, proceeded to India to obtain evidence as to the validity of the marriage on which the title of the Indian claimant depends.

He is advised that the result of his inquiries clears the way to the success of his own claim to the peerage.

The case will come before the House of Lords in the course of the summer.

On pages 6 and 7 are portraits of Stewart William Gardner and his Mohammedan wife, and Alan Hyde Gardner, the English claimant.

ALIEN DUMPING DECREASES.

It is evident, from a Parliamentary return just issued, that the alien immigrant is not being "dumped" on to British shores in such great numbers as he was last year.

In the month of April 5,335 of these immigrants landed in England to settle down, as compared with 6,279 in April of the previous year.

Passing through English ports to places abroad last year there were 15,545 aliens, as against 24,445 last year.

For taking six pheasants' eggs from the King's Sandringham estate William Wadlow was fined at the divisional police-court.

STAGE-STRUCK.

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a stimulant that lifts a person from severest fatigue for a time, however severe the reaction may be; and the illness went out of her step as she made her entrance to a burst of applause when her cue was spoken.

Janet's reaction came when the curtain had fallen on the last act. She felt so tired that the removal of the grease paint and the change into her ordinary clothes were an almost intolerable weariness. She lay back in the carriage as she drove home through the close, heavy night, and felt glad that to-morrow she would be in the country, away from the theatre, away from London for a day and a half.

There was only one train on Sunday morning to Huntingdon, leaving King's Cross at 8.30, which was an unusually early hour for Janet to be about; but her maid called her before seven; Janet rose and looked out of her window; an autumnal mist lay over the river, but overhead the sun was struggling through the clouds of a grey sky. There was every promise of a fine day.

The journey was a slow one, occupying nearly double the time of the fast trains; Janet sat looking out at the passing country and thought about Elsie.

They were not prepared for her visit at Overton. The determination to go down had not seized her till she was in the theatre last night, when it was too late to send a telegram. However, it would be pleasant to surprise them.

Janet had not seen much of little Elsie since she was entrusted to the care of Mrs. Benjfield; for one reason she had been away on a long tour in America; then, too, she had told herself that for the child's own sake little Elsie must not grow too fond of her, that as Elsie grew older she must not learn to look upon her as her mother; Janet had formed that resolution, with what bitter pangs only her heart knew.

But had she been right?

The doubt had come to her lately whether she had not acted precipitately, imposed a needless sacrifice on her own feelings. A great longing possessed her to see more of the child—her child. She had taken Elsie to Mrs. Benjfield's, parted from her on an impulse—an impulse almost of panic, after that interview with her husband on his release from prison, when he had threatened to return Elsie for the stage. So on an impulse of fear she had hidden the child away in the country, away from his father's influence; had formed the determination that her daughter must grow up not even to know that her mother was on the stage.

SERVIA SIMMERING.

Almost Ready to Boil Over Into Another Revolution.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

VIENNA, Wednesday.

We have been expecting something to happen in Serbia for some little time past. The question that people are asking now is—Will the expulsion from Belgrade of the "Daily Mail" correspondent precipitate a general crisis?

The order of expulsion was issued by the group of officers who took leading parts in the plot to kill King Alexander and Queen Draga, and who now make a puppet of King Peter. They are getting rather sensitive of criticism.

The other day they forced King Peter to explain that, although some of their number had been removed from Court, they were, nevertheless, "men of honour with unsullied reputations." Now they have succeeded in getting this correspondent sent away because he dared to comment severely upon their methods of government.

With King Peter going melancholy-mad (he dreams that he is pursued by the ghost of King Milan calling for vengeance on the murderers of Alexander, his son), and with the country growing more and more disgusted at the present régime, the chances of exciting events increase every day.

At present it would be rash to prophesy a long reign for King Peter, or a long period of peace for his unhappy country.

NAMELESS PICTURE PUZZLE.

Our nameless picture will be found on page 7. The reader who is first to correctly identify the lady it represents will be awarded the prize of one guinea.

Replies, by letter or postcard, should be addressed to the Picture Puzzle Department, 2, Carmelite-street, E.C., and must reach this office by noon to-morrow. The award will be announced in the *Mirror* on Saturday.

Mr. James G. Rogers, of 13, Grosvenor-crescent, Scarborough, will receive the guinea offered for identifying the nameless picture in Tuesday's issue. This was a portrait of Miss Ethel Barrymore, the beautiful American actress, who will appear in "Cynthia" at Wyndham's Theatre on Monday next.

The guinea prize for yesterday's nameless picture will be awarded to-morrow.

NO ENGLISH RUSH FOR ST. LOUIS.

There is apparently to be no great rush of English people to the St. Louis Exhibition. The tourist agencies have made lavish arrangements, but up to the present the bookings come slowly.

The first party of any size at all leaves on Saturday by the St. Louis. It is not a conducted tour in any sense and its fifty-four members are travelling independently. Among them are Sir Alfred and Lady Newton, Sir James and Lady Sherburn, and Mr. James Bailey, M.P.

According to the manager of one prominent tourist company the English middle-class holiday-makers do not care about spending more than £20 or £40 on his annual holiday. More-over that must include his wife.

It will cost him at the least thirty guineas for one ticket covering a visit to the United States and the exhibition, without counting extras. On the other hand people of wealth do not as a rule care much about exhibitions.

Miss Yvonne Lamor, whose training for the stage is due to the late King Alexander of Serbia's appreciation of her talent, will make her first appearance on the variety stage in this country at the Tivoli on Monday next.

But Janet had wondered lately whether it was not a wasted sacrifice on her part, whether this course was, after all, wisest in the child's interests. If the theatrical instinct was a legacy in the child's blood would not she have more influence over Elsie, more power to curb that inherited bent of temperament, if the girl loved her as a mother than if she grew up indifferent to a mother whom she had seen so little of?

And Elsie could not stay at Mrs. Benjfield's always, of course. Whilst she was yet a child, it was well enough; she was well cared for physically; it was a healthy, delightful, open-air life for a child at the old farm. But as she grew older she must be placed amid other surroundings, amid cultured and educated people.

For herself, too, Janet could not bear to think of always living apart from Elsie. She wanted love; the love a woman may feel for a man could never be hers, but that other love—the yearning, protecting love of a mother for her child, that would help to fill her life, for which art alone was not sufficient; she could not deny herself that joy of being loved by the little one she had brought into the world, she told herself, as the train carried her along, in the leisurely fashion of Sunday trains, stopping at every little station, as though the locomotive, like human beings, felt in need of a day of rest. She had acted in panic, but how groundless it had been. There was nothing to fear from her husband; he had accepted the fact that she, in paying money to him week by week, had bought the child from him; it was a tacit abandonment of all claim.

Huntingdon was reached at last, as some clock in the town struck eleven. There were no conveyances waiting at the station. Janet walked to an hotel in the High-street and made inquiries about a cab. An obnoxious ostler said she could have a four-wheeler, and after a look at her face he had a weakness for pretty faces—volunteered the confidential admission that, "her" (the four-wheeler) "were terrible rattling on the springs," but that he thought he could manage master's new private dog-cart, which was "wunderful natty and no jolting 'bout 'er," if she liked. Janet unhesitatingly accepted the offer.

It was a pleasant morning for the five-mile drive. The sun was bright, and a soft wind met their faces as they bowed along between the hedges, beyond which stretched the restful green of flat meadow lands, dotted with tall poplars. By the drinking pool in the corners of the fields the solemn-faced cattle stood staring at the occupants of the trap, as it drove by. In the orchards by the roadside most of the apples had been gathered; but some still

RIDING A TORPEDO.

Baron Munchausen Put in the Shade by "Marquis Robinson."

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

KAZAN, Sunday.

A swindler bearing the lordly English title of "Marquis Robinson" has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment at Nijni-Novgorod for imposing on credulous peasants.

For three weeks the Marquis masqueraded as the hero of a hundred fights. He lectured on his exploits at Port Arthur, where, according to his own account, he was wounded and captured by the Japanese.

Admiral Togo, he declared, released him on condition that he swam ashore, a distance of seven miles. On the way he was overtaken by a torpedo which Togo had treacherously launched at him. Nothing daunted the Marquis mounted astride the torpede, and, riding it as he would a horse, guided it in triumph to Port Arthur.

Next day he ascended in a war balloon and dropped bombs on the Japanese ships, sinking two of them.

The Marquis generally concluded his lectures by asserting that he had crossed Siberia on foot, and had been given his title by the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg, who had heard of his exploits.

RUSSIA BUYING SHIPS.

Rumoured Purchase of German Fast Mail Steamers.

"There is never any difficulty in selling steamers to combatant Governments by neutral owners."

This was the remark made by the London manager of the Hamburg-American Line to a *Mirror* representative, who inquired respecting the reported sale of the *Auguste Victoria* to Russia.

"A Government itself would never approach a company," he said. "The sale is simply to 'Smith' or 'Jones,' and the company have no official knowledge that he is a Government agent. They do not necessarily know the fact at all, and often haven't even a suspicion of it."

It is a significant fact that the *Auguste Victoria*, which was to have gone on a Norway pleasure trip later in the year, has been taken off this service, and another vessel substituted, but nothing is known in London about the sale, or that of the *Protoria*, which is also reported.

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CLASSICS FOR GIRLS.

BERLIN, Wednesday.

The Empress of Germany has always held that women's work lies in the nursery and the kitchen.

It came as a surprise, therefore, to the director of the Classical School for Girls at Karlsruhe to be called upon to give her Majesty a detailed report of the instruction.

Afterwards the Empress said she considered classical schools for girls were much needed.

GERMANY'S GROWING TRADE.

In Germany last year the value of the total imports was £21,550,000, an increase of £24,350,000 over the previous year's imports, while the exports were of the value of £254,750,000, an increase of £14,100,000 over the preceding year.

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reddened on the trees; the leaves and the Virginia creeper, covering cottage walls and sprawling over the thatch of the roofs, had changed from green to the autumn glory of russet.

Soon the river came in sight, by whose banks the long flowering grasses waved and rippled in the wind like a grey sea. The sight of it carried Janet's thoughts back vividly.

"The low, sweet laugh of the river" had been an almost invariable accompaniment to her week of intimate comradeship with John Gray at the farm more than three years ago; it had run like a silver thread through those days of happy loafing in Arcady, when they had drifted down in the boat, or picnicked on its banks, and she had sat and watched him fish; the river had a hundred pleasant associations for her memory now.

How fresh and restful and healthy the country was after London and the artificial world she moved in night after night at the theatre. Janet was glad that she was not going to act, was not going to sleep in London to-night.

A little look of excitement showed itself in her face as the farm appeared in sight; her ears listened for the laughter of a child. Janet jumped down eagerly as the dog-cart drew up, but, before she reached the door, Mrs. Benjfield, who had caught a glimpse of the visitor from the kitchen window, came out to greet her.

"Why, Mrs. Daventry, miss, who'd 'at thought of seeing you!" she cried. "If you wrote, we never got the letter; but there, we've got a new postman, and all the dainties, well—but come in." "I was a little surprised," said Janet, after paying the driver, as she followed Mrs. Benjfield down the stone-flagged passage. "I only made up my mind to come last night, when it was too late to let you know. I remembered suddenly in the theatre that I had not sent Elsie any present for her birthday, so I felt I must come."

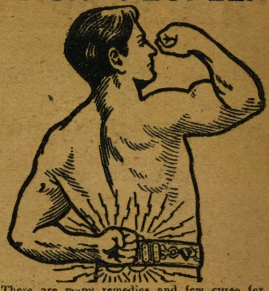
"I was a little surprised, ma'am, and—if an old body may say so—disappointed that you didn't seem to remember Elsie's birthday, such a dear, sweet little thing as she is too," said Mrs. Benjfield, rather stiffly, as though Janet's omission had hurt her personally. "However, as you see, Elsie was not forgotten."

As she spoke Mrs. Benjfield opened the door of the parlour. Inside was a large, dappled rocking-horse—a splendid creature with a glorious tail and bright red reins.

Master John, he gave that—that and other toys, too—to Elsie," Mrs. Benjfield said, still with a little note of resentment in her voice. "Little Elsie was fair wild with excitement when she saw it."

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Janet. She had forgotten her child's birthday, her work had absorbed her so much; but John Gray had remembered.

"Where is Elsie?" cried Janet impatiently. "She's out this morning, ma'am—you see we didn't expect you. But you'll find them by the river, I expect, near the island just above the mill. But they'll be back to dinner at once."

But Janet was too impatient to wait.

"I'll walk down to the river, Mrs. Benjfield; I can't wait till one o'clock," she said; and, before the old body had time to say another word, Janet had walked quickly away.

How could she have forgotten her child's birthday, she asked herself again remorsefully, as she walked to the river. And John Gray had remembered it! That was like John Gray.

Mrs. Benjfield had said that she would find "them"; Janet had not paused to ask who "they" might be. Perhaps the farmhouse servant, she thought, as she walked through the mill across the sluice bridge. Before she was through the mill she heard Elsie's childish treble laughter and the barking of a dog.

She came upon them before they were aware of her presence; Elsie, playing with the fox-terrier puppy who pretended to be dreadfully anxious to go into the water and really had not the remotest intention of doing any such thing—and John Gray. In the conflicting emotions that possessed her Janet hardly knew whether she was glad or not, whether she was suddenly jealous or not.

The puppy sat its front paws and barked valiantly as she approached, and the man and the pretty, curly-haired maid in her white sunbonnet turned and saw her.

"You! Why, where did you spring from?" cried Gray in pleased astonishment, as he went forward quickly with outstretched hand.

"Elsie!" cried Janet eagerly.

A great wave of maternal love swept over her as she darted forward towards the maid, to mother it with kisses.

The child stared at her with big wondering eyes; but she did not cry "mummy!"—she did not come running towards Janet; there was no look of delight in her eyes. She stood looking at her mother in wondering solemnity.

Janet knew that it was only the reception she should have expected; that it was her own fault and not the child's—but a stab of pain went to her heart.

She had the sudden feeling that, in the child's eyes, at any rate, she was the one too many.

To be continued to-morrow.

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